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BOARD REJECTS ENTIRE CHARTER CHANGE PROGRAM

Resolution Polls 6 to 6 Vote and Fails to Pass.

TO RENEW FIGHT AT NEXT MEETING

Board Will Meet Again on Monday Night, When Matter Will Be Reopened Under Reconsideration-Powers Predicts Passage With One or Two Amendments.

Incensed by their inability to secure the defeat of the charter amendment which proposes to give the City Council, in its discretion, the authority to place the Police, Fire and Health Departments under the Administrative Board's control, six members of the Board of Aldermen succeeded last night in obstructing the passage of the entire charter change program ratified on Monday night by the lommon Council.

Twelve of the fourteen members of the Board were in attendance, and seven votes were required for passage. An amendment offered by Alderman Melton earlier in the reading of the resolution, striking from the paper the clause providing for the potential transfer of the Police. Fire and Health Boards, was lost by its failure to muster more than six affirmative votes.

The thwartod sevice held of the policy of the pol

vision for a possible transfer of

three independent departments to Administrative Board control.
"To vest the Council with power to "To vest the Council with power to place three departments under the board," said Mr. Adams, "would be to create a condition of unrest among the officers and men in these departments, officers and men in these departments, where President Wilson will spend his where President Wilson will spend his chairman vacation should be permit officers and men in these departments.

It would give the Council a club to hold over the heads of the commiswhere President Wilson will spend his Christmas vacation should he permit house, with the most of every man connected with them. Once the Council is given that power, the way will be clear for any dissatisfied member whenever something has occurred to displease him, to introduce an ordinance calling for the abolition of any one of the three independent commissions, and the transfer of its duties to the board.

Mr. Adams urged the members not to interfere with the Police, Fire and Health Departments, which he seed to him the selection will be taken has not yet been decided. It is understood that Mr. Wilson is not averse to Congress recessing over the holidays, especially in view of the fact that the Senate gives promise of getting the currency measure ready for the conference committee before then.

to interfere with the Police, Fire and Health Departments, which, he said, were admirably and economically managed. The board, he thought, has its

aged. The board, he thought, has its hands full managing the departments now under its direction, and will not be in a position for some years to come to take on new responsibilities.

Gunst Predicts Union.

"The time will come when the city will find it to its best interest to unite all the departments under the Administrative Board," declared Alderman Gunst. "The ultimate merging of all departments under the board's direction was contemplated from the very beginning. When the board is in a position to assume this responsibility it will be the most economical thing to do."

Mr. Gunst Predicts Union.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 9.—Representative A. J. Montague, who has been ill with grippe for the past four or five days, was able to be out and in his has not yet regained his former strength, he expects within the next strength, he can be able to devote his usual attention to the interests of his constituents.

The Market Place

thing to do."

Mr. Gunst thought it would be the part of wisdom to give the Council the right in its discretion to effect this union, and urged the board to support the committee amendment. He

the committee amendment. He held the view, nevertheless, that the time for such a merger was not yet ripe, and said he would oppose a motion to this effect if offered at this time.

Aldermen Disney and Grundy spoke in the same vein. Mr. Grundy deprecated the fear expressed by President Adams that impending control by the Administrative Board's would demoralize Administrative Board would demoralize the three independent departments. If

(Continued On Second Page.) FOUR NIGHTS TO CALIFORNIA
Via Washington-Sunset Reute. Sunset Limited daily; no extra farc. New train. Nov.
14-20 hours quicker tourist car service. 207
East Maig Street.—Adv.

IN SINKING CONDITION

Revenue Cutter Rushing to Rescue of Schooner Baker Palmer.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., December 9.—Reported to be in a sinking condition, the fourmasted schooner Baker Palmer, fifty miles off Cape Henry, is appealing for assistance. Life-savers saw the schooner's signals of distress to-day and notified Cape Henry. A message was sent to the Norfolk Navy Yard asking that the revenue cutter be sent to the assistance of the disabled vessel. The revenue cutter Onondaga left under full steam to assist the Palmer. The schooner's rigging is reported form away by the storm which swept the coast on Sunday and Monday, and she is said to be partly filled with water. Two members of the crew are reported injured.

The revenue cutters Onondaga and Pamilco had started to sea to search for craft reported in distress when news of the Palmer's plight was flashed to them by the government wireless at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

MRS. PANKHURST IN PARIS

Will Return to London to Speak at
Meeting on Monday.

Paris, December 2.—Mrs. Emmeline
Pankhurst arrived here this evening
to visit her daughter, Christobel Pankhurst. Although looking very tired
and weak, Mrs. Pankhurst expressed
her determination to return to London
to keep her engagement to speak at a
meeting on Monday.

On the arrival of the train the suffragette leader was assisted to a taxicab, in which she drove to her daughter's apartment. Christobel Pankhurst
said her mother's health had been
greatly benefited by her trip to the
United States, and for that reason she
was able to stand three days' imprisonment in Exeter jail better than might
have been expected.

Police Do Not Interfere.

London, December 9.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst when she left to-day for Paris said she would spend there the remainder of the seven days' leave granted her by the authorities. A detachment of police was at the railway station, but did not interfere with the departure of Mrs. Pankhurst.

Mrs. Pankhurst arrived from the sanatorium in an ambulance and was carried to her train on a stretcher.

EXTENSION WORK FAVORED

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transfer of the Police, Fire and Health
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caucus and decided to withhold their
support from the resolution as a whole,
which embodies important charter
given their votes. President Adams put
the question, and the resolution failed
by a vote of 6 to 6.

How They Voted.

The wote on the resolution as a
whole follows:

Ayes—Aldermen Disney, Grundy,
Gunst, Mitchell, Paul and Puller—6,
Noes—Aldermen Gilman, Grimes, Melton, Nelsen, Powers and Adams—6

The vote on Alderman Melton's
amendment to strike out the provision
giving the Council power, in its discretion, to put the Police, Health and Fire
Boards under the Administrative
Board's direction, was the same as the
vote on the resolution as a whole, with
the difference that the members voting
"aye" on the one voted "no" on the
other

While the official record shows that

Stroud testined that he visited New York several months ago, and that Mrs. Stroud then admitted to having misconducted herself with a prominent New York merchant. She refused to give her husband any information.

VACATION PLANS NOT MADE

MONTAGUE IMPROVES

The Market Place

For one week, from Monday, December 1, The Times-Dispatch printed

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WANT ADS.

This is a greater number of Want Ads than is carried in seven days by any paper in Richmond. The Times-Dispatch is the market place of Virginia.

CITIES WIN FIGHT TO RETAIN TAX ON ROLLING STOCK

Corporation Commis- Edward Kelly Killed sion Says Act Violates Constitution.

DOES NOT AFFORD EQUAL TAXATION

quirement Specifying How Taxes Shall Be Levied. Counties May Give Up Their Claim to 1913 Taxes and Apply for New Act.

viding for the apportionment of the tax heretofore paid at the home office of the company among the counties and cities through which steam railway lines operate, was deciared unconstitu-tional by the State Corporation Commission yesterday. An extended opinion, written by Judge Prentis, was
handed down, dealing with the legal
phases of the case in detail. Commislone Phese Research and the commission of the case in detail.

Commission.

The case came up on the petition of the city of Petersburg against the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads. The city of Roznoke, which board Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads. The city of Roanoke, which claims the tax on the rolling stock of the Norfolk and Western Railway Com-pany, came in as a party to the suit.

The Order Entered.

The following order was entered:
"The commission, having maturely considered the evidence and the argument of counsel, and for the reasons stated in writing and filed with the record, is of the opinion, and doth, thereand the clerk of the commission is di-rected to proceed to furnish the Coun-cil of the city of Petersburg certified copies of the assessments of the rolling stock of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, which have been made by this commission for State taxation for the year 1913, definitely show-

Notes, Power on Allerman Measures in the adversarial property of the Committee of the Commi

It has not yet been determined whether an appeal will be taken from the decision of the commission to the decision of the commission to the supreme Court, or whether the counties will abandon their fight for the apportionment of the 1913 taxes and depend upon the General Assembly to pass a new rolling stock bill meeting the legal and constitutional objections.

His story of the tragedy, and it did not vary from his original statement. Accepting this as true, Tiller got permission from the penitentiary authorities, and the bloodhounds from the State farm were placed at his disposal. They arrived at 6:50 at the Main Street Station, and in an automobile Tiller pass a new rolling stock bill meeting the legal and constitutional objections.

Every effort was made to have the lin July, 1914, as the date for the new Judge Martin Williams, of Giles County, one of the patrons of the bill, was present at the recent argument, and predicted that if the pending act were declared unconstitutional, a new one would be adopted more stringent in its character, taking from the cities all of the tax instead of three-fourths. The opinion written by Judge Prentis says that the act was passed in response to a "well-defined public sentiment." Although adopted early in 1912, it was not to take effect until

Violation of Constitution. "Proceeding then to determine whether the rolling stock act is in

whether the rolling stock act is in violating of the Constitution of the State the opinion says:

"First. Does it violate Section 50 of the Constitution?

"That section, among other things, provides that every law imposing, continuing or revising a tax shall specifically state such tax, and no law shall be construed as so stating such tax which requires a reference to any other law or any other tax. This language is plain, definte and specific.

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purposes by the county, city or town in which the principle office of any such railroad corporation is located. This is the only language in the act which defines the rate of taxation to be imposed upon the rolling stock for the benefit of the various localities of the State. The various local authorities are not under this act authorized to levy any tax upon this class of the county, the Atlantic Radio Company and the Pacific Radio Company the State. The various local authorities are not under this act authorized to levy any tax upon this class of the Radio Company and the Pacific Radio Company. to levy any tax upon this class of property, but the Legislature itself in the act undertakes to prescribe the rate of taxation, varying in amount in different localities, and requires this commission to compute it in accordance with these varying rates. Ingentuce as the rates are not report in the rate of taxation, varying in amount in different localities, and requires this commission to compute it in accordance with these varying rates.

Near Lakeside by Man Who Escapes

DOGS UNABLE TO

PICK UP A TRAIL

MYSTERY BEHIND

COUNTY MURDER

BAFFLES POLICE

Law Fails to Comply With Re- Negro, Who Found Boy's Body in Barnyard at Bloomingdale Farm, Locked Up, but There Is Little Evidence to Connect Him With

Crime.

Edward Kelly, the sixteen-year-old son of William H. Kelly, a painter, who lives at Brook Hill, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock by an unidentified man while standing in the barnyard at Bloomsioner Rhea concurs. Commissioner Wingfield concurs as to the unconstitutionality of the act, but dissents as to the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission.

Commission.

the shooting, and the only information on which the authorities had to work was supplied by a negro, Dennis Dukes, employed as a farm hand.

Put Bloothounds on Trail.

When they found that the shooting was a mystery, the county police secured bloodhounds from the State Farm, but at a late hour last night they had been unable to pick up the trail of young Kelly's assailant.

Although Dukes was arrested and locked up in the Henrico Jall, and held as a witness, the police were inclined

locked up in the Henrico Jall, and held as a witness, the police were inclined to believe the story he told them.

"It was just after dinner hour," he said, "and I was on my way to the barn. I saw a man coming up the road, and he stopped to talk with Mr. Kelly, He had a shotgun. I was just going in the door of the barn when I turned and saw the two apparently in a friendly scuffle. I paid no special attention to it, and walked on. I had been inside of the barn just a few seconds when I heard the report of a gun. I ran outside, and saw the man running away, and Mr. Kelly lying on the ground. I ran to him and saw he was dead."

Every effort was made to have the animals pick up the trail of the unidentified white man, but the dogs merely sniffed the ground and remained almost motionless. At a late hour little progress in the case had been made.

The deputies fixed the first Sunday in July, 1914, as the date for the new election. They also confirmed the position of General Huerta as provisional President until then.

The action of the Deputies was accompanied by no debate. The committee's report was approved.

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Whether the strange man was a huntsman was a question which Dukes could not answer. His description of him was that he had a shotgun, wore a gray suit and cap. He added that apparently the man knew Kelly from the manner in which they were talking. Dukes took his arrest calmly and stuck a gray surface a gray surface and the manner in which they were talking. Iton. When the reading clerk stopped, the manner in which they were talking. Iton. When the reading clerk stopped, some one began applauding, and then instantly to the story he first related. Young Kelly was employed by W. T.

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Ratifed With Votes.

SMALL SUM FOR COMPANIES

Most of Proceeds Paid to Agents and

Most of Proceeds Paid to Agents and Promoters of Wireless Telephony.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, December 9.—From the sale of \$1,500,000 worth of stock in four wireless telephone companies soid, less than \$350,000 reached the treasuries of the companies themselves; the remaining \$1,150,000, and more, was paid agents and promoters, according to evidence introduced to-day by the government in the case of officers of the Radio Wireless Telephone Company, on trial on charges of using the malls with intent to defraud.

This evidence was submitted in the form of tabulations made and sworn to by the government accountants. The tabulations purported to embrace the stock sales of the Radio Wireless Telephone Company, the Atlantic Radio Company and the Pacific Radio Company.

Assistant District Attorney Stevens

in different localities, and requires this commission to compute it in accordance with these varying rates. Inasmuch as the rates are not named in the act, and as they can only be ascertained by reference to various other rates of taxation imposed by the various taxing authorities in different contained by the State, it seems perfect—

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Application on Behalf of Wealthy Farmer Will Be Argued To-Day.

Charlestown, W. Va. December 9.—
Application for a new trial of E. Graliam Wilson, a wealthy farmer, recently convicted of a serious offense, other wife, will be argued to-morrow. Should a new trial be refused Wilson is liable to a sentence of from seven to twenty years.

Missing Rich Girl Soon May Be Found



JESSIE EVELYN M'CANN.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, December 9.—Much of the mystery surrounding the absence of Jessie Evelyn McCann, the Brooklyn social worker, who disappeared from her home on Thursday last, was removed to-day through statements made to the police by Miss Loretta Dore and Harold Callahan. The day's developments were of such a nature that the family of the missing girl asserted she would be home within a week, and Inspector Faurot voiced the same belief.

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Miss Dore, a nurse, told the police she had known Miss McCann for a number of years, and was surprised to see her on the boardwalk between Coney Island and Brighton Beach on Thursday afternoon. Miss Dore said she talked with Miss McCann for some time Thursday, and told her of a good restaurant. She again saw the missing girl on Friday afternoon, when Miss McCann appeared nervous, and her clothing was disheveled. The police are now searching Coney Island. Through Callahan, a law student at Columbia, the police declare they obtained the name of the man with whom Miss McCann has been friendly.

Miss McCann is the daughter of Robert G. McCann, a wealthy merchant, and a personal friend of Mayor Kline. She left her home, 438 East Twenty-first Street, Flatbush, Brooklyn, December 4, to go to the Home for Destitute Children, 217 Sterling Place, where she gave her services as inistructress. That was the last that any member of the family wendered.

Wendenburg Opens Case.

The presiding officer was finally able to remind them that enthusiasm was

all very well, but that it was necessary to ratify the enthusiasm by votes.

The measures taken to-night also provide for the election of a new Congress, since the one elected to take the place of that dissolved by Huerta is to serve out an unavoired to the place. to serve out an unexpired term, which should terminate September 15. should terminate September 15.

The reason given for nullifying the

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It's Worth While!

It's worth while to take a walk on Broad Street and the other streets on which the retail shops and stores of Richmond are located. If you are unable to visit these sections during the day, take a walk after dark and see the wonderful window displays, brilliantly lighted.

These displays drive home the fact that Richmond is a large city, and that you can secure everything you need in Richmond.

WALKER RECITES WEDDING STORY IN DAMAGE SUIT

Tells How Ratcliffes Took Away His Bride After Ceremony.

BARES SECRETS ON WITNESS STAND

Mrs. Walker in Court as Groom Tells Jury of Their Long Friendship-Called From Honeymoon, at Doswell, by Telegram Saying Mrs. Ratcliffe Was Dying.

Before a crowded courtroom, Thomas Grant Walker, plaintiff in the \$25,000 suit for damages against H. L. Ratcliffe and other members of the Ratcliffe family for alienation of his wife's affections, yesterday recited in the Law and Equity Court the story of his love for Elizabeth Ratcliffe, and of how, by means of a false telegram and an alleged conspiracy on the part of her family, she was torn from his side ten hours after they were married Mrs. Walker, the bride, becomingly attired, sat near the front of the room and listened intently to her husband's account of their courtship, her apparent love for him and her desire that they be married without her family's

they be married without her family's knowledge.

The Courtship and Wedding.

bitter attack upon the church as the friend of the wealthy, as against the workingman, by Secretary H. T. Colvin, of the Virginia State Federation of Labor, and the defense of the church by several local ministers, threw the annual State Conference of Charities and Corrections into an uproar this afternoon at the Young Men's Christian Association. Secretary Colvin was backed up in his denunclation of the church by President E. C. Davison, of the Virginia Federation of Labor.

Rev. E. T. Wellford, D. D., pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in Tidewater, and one of the largest in the State, replied to Secretary Colvin with a heated address, in which he declared that the assertions of the labor secretary would "not stand the test of truth."

President Davison referred to the recent meeting of the Episcopal bishungers.

Walker insisted that the marriage be hurried because Frank, a brother, would prevent the ceremony.

Meredith Speaks for Defense.

Replying, Mr. Meredith said that the Ratcliffe family had never been taken into the confidence of Walker as to his marrying intentions; that Walker never asked for the young woman's hand, and that the family learned afterwards that an elopement had been contemplated. He said that Mrs. Ratcliffe had been made ill by the news that her daughter had married Walker, and fainted when she heard it over the telephone.

Dr. Stewart, the first witness, testified to performing the ceremony.

Warlet's problem.

President Davison referred to the recent meeting of the Episcopal bishops of New York, at which the bishops sat down to a dinner costing \$10,000, while hundreds of men, women and children were literally starving in the streets of New York City.

The secretary charged that the bishops and the secretary charged that the product that there was nothing unusual in her appearance. After the wedding, he said, the bride asked for the telephone, and that she telephoned to her mother.

Cloak to Protect Well-to-Do.

The secretary charged that the churches are using Christianity as a cloak to protect the well-to-do, the men who are waxing rich, while they pay starvation wages and force women and children to the lowest standard of morality in order that they may make food for themselves and their dependents.

said, the bride asked for the telephone, and that she telephone, and that she telephone to her mother, telling of the marriage.

Walker on the Stand.

The groom was next placed on the stand. He had perfect command of himself. He gave his age as thirty-two, and said that his wife was food for themselves and their dependent of the marriage. food for themselves and their dependents.

Referring to the Titanic disaster, he said that preachers the country over had held up John Jacob Astor as a wonderful hero because he refused to leave the Titanic until the women and children were safe, but declared that he had never heard of a single preacher's characterizing as heroes the seamen who stood by and kept back the mob while the women and children were saved, and then went down to watery graves.

He declared that he had heard workingmen damn the church in one breath and raise a voice of prayer to Jesus in the next, thus showing that they have not forsaken Christianity simply because the church has come to be the worshiping place for the rich to exclusion of the poor.

Rev. T. C. Darst, an Episcopal minister, defended the bishop's meeting in New York, and denied that they had sat down to a \$10,000 dinner as charged, while Dr. Wellford entered a general denial that the church of to-day is for the rich man. He declared that the church is a friend of the laboring man and that the laboring people are the backbone of the church. Rev. J. [5].

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Referring to the Titanic disaster, he business with his father, as a silent